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BEGIN SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE ADDRESSES PARA 4 OF REFERENCE
(A) WHICH DIRECTS MISSION TO QUOTE REGISTER A FORMAL PROTEST TO
NMPA STEERING COMMITTEE (NMPASC) AND INSIST ON RIGHT OF U. S.
REPRESENTATIVE TO BE AN OBSERVER AT NMPA MODERNIZATION SUB-
COMMITTEE (MSC) MEETING UNQUOTE. IT PRESENTS RATIONALE WHICH
MISSION CONSIDERS TO MILITATE AGAINST SUCH ACTION AT THIS TIME.
A DETAILED REPORT OF THE NMPASC MEETING OF 10 MAY 1973 IN PARIS
FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL. ACTION REQUESTED: CONCURRENCE, OR FURTHER
COMMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. BASIC RATIONALE MILITATING AGAINST REGISTERING FORMAL PROTEST
AT THIS TIME IS:
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A. SOME FLIGHT PROGRESS HAS BEEN REALIZED TOWARD REACHING GOAL
OF U. S. PARTICIPATION IN MSC, U. S. REPRESENTATIVE
TO NMPASC (CAPTAIN CHISUM/ USNATO) WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE
29 MAY 1973 MEETING OF MSC IN PARIS DURING THE UNIVAC MPC

1616 COMPUTER AGENDA ITEM CONTINGENT
ON COMPLETION OF LICENSING AGREEMENT TO PERMIT MANUFACTURE
OF UNIVAC MPC 1616 COMPUTER IN GERMANY. TERMS OF THE
COMPLETED AGREEMENT MUST BE AVAILABLE TO U. S. REPRESENTA-
TIVE FOR USE AT THIS MEETING.

B. FINAL DECISION IN RESPONSE TO U. S. MEMBER NMPASC LETTER OF
23 APRIL 1973, FOR U. S. PARTICIPATION IN MSC HAS BEEN DELAYED
BY THE MSC CHAIRMAN (VADM. BLOCH).

C. FRENCH (BLOCH) OBJECTION TO U. S. PARTICIPATION IS BASED ON
STRICT INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS
FOR PARTICIPATION IN A NATO PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE AS
SPELLED OUT IN PARAS 19 (II) AND (IV) OF THE RELEVANT
DOCUMENT, C- M(66)33 (2 ND REVISION), DATED 8 JANUARY 1969.

D. THE U. S. POSITION EXPRESSED IN PARA 2 OF REFERENCE (B),
SUPPORTING U. S. PARTICIPATION IN THE MSC, IS LESS DEFENSIBLE
THAN THE FRENCH POSITION SINCE U. S. POSITION SEEMS TO BE
BASED ON AN EXPEDIENT INTERPRETATION OF THE OVERALL THRUST
OF COOPERATION IN RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF
MILITARY EQUIPMENT DISCUSSED IN PARA 18 OF C- M(66)33
(2 ND REVISION), AND NOT ON SPECIFICALLY DEFINED REQUIREMENTS.

2. USNATO COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION:

A. IN VIEW PARAS 1. A. THROUGH D. ABOVE, AND MORE
SPECIFICALLY PARAS 1. C AND 1. D, MISSION JUDGMENT IS
THAT INTRODUCTION OF FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDINGS AT THIS
TIME WILL VERY PROBABLY NOT ACHIEVE THE DESIRED GOAL- U. S.
PARTICIPATION AS OBSERVER IN MSC. SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD
EMBROIL THE U. S. IN A DIRECT CONFRONTATION WHICH, WE
BELIEVE, WOULD NOT BE RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF THE U. S.
IF THE PROTEST IS REGISTERED AND IF THE U. S. SHOULD LOSE
IN THE RESOLUTION OF ANY ENSUING CONFRONTATION, NOT ONLY
WOULD POSSIBILITY FOR FUTURE U. S. PARTICIPATION IN MSC BE
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DIMINISHED, BUT EFFECTIVENESS OF U. S. PARTICIPATION IN
NMPASC WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY LESSENE BECAUSE OF LOSS OF
CONFIDENCE IN U. S. AND RESULTANT RETICENCE OF OTHER
MEMBERS TO EXCHANGE USEFUL PROJECT (ATLANTIC I OR II)
INFORMATION WITH U. S. REPRESENTATIVE.

B. ACCORDINGLY, MISSION RECOMMENDS CONTINUED U. S. PRESENCE AND
PRESSURE WITHIN THE NMPASC AND, WHEN POSSIBLE WITHIN THE MSC
(E. G. THROUGH UNIVAC MPC 1616 SITUATION).

3. MISSION PROPOSES, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED, NOT TO REGISTER
THE FORMAL PROTEST AT THIS TIME. ACTION REQUESTED: CONCURRENCE,
OR FURTHER COMMENT. RUMSFELD

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